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PETITION FOR WITHDRAWAL OF NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT

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Dear Sir:

Applicant petitions for withdrawal of the Notice of Abandonment mailed August 4, 2003 in connection with the above case. Also, applicant respectfully requests indication of status of this application.

The Notice of Abandonment alleged that no Response to the Office Action dated November 12, 2002 had been received. However, enclosed herewith is a true and accurate copy of such Response, timely filed, along with a true and accurate copy of the Patent Office-receipt-stamped-postcard indicating receipt of such Response.

In view of the circumstances, withdrawal of the Notice of Abandonment is requested.

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